Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, There are 7,000 rare diseases in the world. Rare diseases are contracted genetically and have serious, life-long effects to an individual and the families affected; and,

Whereas, Every year, on the fifteenth day of the fifth month as a way to honor all of those in the Mucopolysaccharidosis Community, to recognize, remember, and rejoice in each other, International Mucopolysaccharidosis Awareness Day is observed; and,

Whereas, Mucopolysaccharidosis is a group of metabolic disorders caused by a missing or faulty lysosomal enzymes needed to break down molecules called glycosaminoglycans, which are long chains of sugar carbohydrates in each of our cells that help build bone, cartilage, tendons, corneas, skin, and connective tissue; and,

Whereas, Mucopolysaccharidosis has seven distinct clinical types and numerous subtypes of the mucopolysaccharidoses that have been identified. An estimated 1 in 25,000 births have 1 of the 7 different types of Mucopolysaccharidosis; and,

Whereas, Early, equal, and adequate access to care, treatment, and research will greatly increase the overall quality of life for those with Mucopolysaccharidosis; and,

Whereas, The lack of public and medical awareness means that Mucopolysaccharidosis is sometimes misdiagnosed as some other condition known in the disability community; and,

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2016, as

MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSIS AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State